

REMARKS

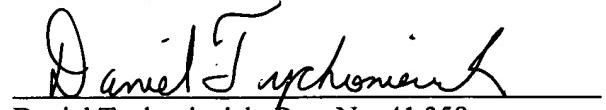
Applicant acknowledges the Final Office Action of August 4, 2006. Claims 1-3, 10-12, 19 and 20 were rejected as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,116,147 to Pajari, Sr. Claims 4-9, 13-18 and 21-25 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim; however, the Examiner indicated these claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant disagrees with the rejections to Pajari, Sr. and reasserts the remarks and arguments contained in the Amendment dated June 2, 2006, and reincorporates the same as if fully rewritten herein. However, in the interest of obtaining a Notice of Allowance and issued patent as soon as possible for claims that the Examiner has already agreed are allowable, applicant has amended the claims as the Examiner indicated would be allowable.

Accordingly, applicant believes that all remaining claims 1, 5-10, 14-19, and 22-25 are in condition for allowance and respectfully request reconsideration by the Examiner as such. Claims 2-4, 11-13, 20, and 21 have been canceled. Applicant notes that certain claims have been amended and canceled solely to advance prosecution of this application and to obtain allowance on the agreed upon allowable claims at the earliest possible date. As such, no admission may be inferred by the amendments and cancellations herein. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned with any questions or comments.

If necessary to effect a timely response, please consider this paper a petition for an extension of time sufficient to make this response timely, and charge any shortages in fees, or apply any overpayment credits, to Baker & Daniels LLP's Deposit Account No. 02-0387 (75971.22). However, please do not include the payment of issue fees.

Respectfully submitted,



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